

Prevention and Early Intervention STAR Program

The STAR program provides free family crisis intervention, counseling and support services in all 254 Texas counties. The STAR program serves youth and their families ages 0-17 who are experiencing crisis or conflict at home regardless of income. Each STAR program can be contacted through 24-hour crisis helplines.

The below highlights STAR program contacts for counties impacted by Harvey. While some agencies do not have counselors on staff, they have experienced staff members who can assist children and families in getting connected with the services they need:

County	STAR Program
Aransas, Bastrop, Bee, Goliad, Gonzales, Karnes, Lee, Refugio, San Patricio	Connections Individual & Family Services Program Contact: Elaine Brandon Crisis Line: 800-532-8192
Austin, Colorado, Fayette	Colorado County Youth & Family Services Program Contact: Twyla Dodson Crisis Line: 866-301-9498
Calhoun, DeWitt, Jackson, Lavaca, Victoria	Gulf Bend Center Program Contact: Stan Hamlyn Crisis Line: 877-723-3422
Brazoria, Matagorda, Wharton	Youth and Family Counseling Services Program Contact: Shalonia Ramirez Crisis Line: 877-949-3140
Chambers, Galveston, Liberty	Family Services Center-Galveston Program Contact: Rachel Levesque Crisis Line: 888-267-4994
Fort Bend, Harris, Waller	Depelchin Children's Center Program Contact: Jason Lau Crisis Line: 281-261-1341
Jasper, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Tyler	Deep East Texas Council of Governments Program Contact: Jeff Reed Crisis Line: 800-210-9252
Hardin, Jefferson, Orange	Buckner Children & Family Services - SE Texas Program Contact: Damon Bowden Crisis Line: 800-929-7828
Montgomery, Walker	Montgomery County Youth Services Program Contact: Jennifer Mills Crisis Line: 936-756-8682
Kleberg, Nueces	Circles of Care Program Contact: Henry Martinez Crisis Line: 855-256-6555

For any counties not listed below, please encourage school staff to use our Help and Hope website at www.helpandhope.org where they can click on the "Find Help feature" in the headline banner for program search by county.